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A publication to remember, honor and thank the Korean War Veteran



Tech. Sgt. Michael Dorsey

Heart warming thanks!

Korean War Veterans from the Republic of South Korea gather on the Mall in Washington, D.C., on June 19 during a wreathlaying ceremony at the Korean War Veterans Memorial. Kim, Dong Shin, South Korean Minister of National defense, far right, laid the wreath during his counterpart visit with Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

Minor web site change pays major dividends

On June 13, the Department of Defense 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee changed the address of its web site from <http://Korea50.army.mil> to <http://www.Korea50.mil>.

“The main reason for the change was to make the site easier to find on the World Wide Web,” said Air Force Master Sgt. Sandra A. Johnson, the Internet Operations Manager for the committee. “We received hundreds of phone calls telling us that people were having difficulty locating our web site because

‘www’ was not part of the domain name. We also learned that it was often mistyped in newspapers and magazines because most people assumed that all web sites had ‘www’ as part of the address.”

Typing in the old address won’t keep people from entering the web site, as they will automatically be forwarded to the new address. Just as the lack of ‘www’ often caused made it hard to find the site, the fact that ‘army’ was part of the address also caused confusion.

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Congress joins in the fun

57 members, 30 states, become Commemoration Partners

Fifty seven members of Congress recently became Department of Defense 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee Commemoration Partners (CP). The addition is part of a sharp rise in the number of partners in the past month. According to Staff Sgt. Rebecca Tester from the Committee, about 100-150 organizations became CPs. When Committee representatives traveled to North Carolina to support an event, they returned with 75 signed CP applications.

To become a CP, organizations fill out an application certifying that they will thank and honor Korean War Veterans in some way. Whether it is a banquet, awards ceremony, parade, or memorial service, the Committee provides its Partners with products — books, a flag, posters, pins, displays, certificates, and other military assistance (marching units, bands, speakers, buglers, color guards).

The new Commemoration Partners on Capitol Hill are:

Alabama
Bud Cramer

Arkansas
Asa Hutchinson

California
Bob Filner
George Miller
Mary Bono
Mat Matsui
Tom Lantos

Colorado
Scott McInnis

Connecticut
Rosa DeLauro

Florida
Lincoln Diaz Balart

Illinois
Jerry Costello
Timothy V. Johnson
Rod Blagojevich
Ray LaHood

Indiana
Brian Kerns
Pete Visclosky

Kansas
Jerry Moran

Kentucky
Ron Lewis
Ernie Fletcher
Anne N. Northup

Louisiana
Richard H. Baker

Massachusetts
James McGovern

Michigan
Carolyn Kilpatrick
Mike Rogers
Dale Kildee
Fred Upton

Minnesota
Mark Kennedy
Collin Peterson
Betty McCollum

Mississippi
Charles Pickering

North Carolina
Howard Coble

Nebraska
Tom Osborne
Lee Terry

New Jersey
Christopher Smith

New York
Maurice Hinchely
John J. LaFalce
Sue Kelly
Tom Reynolds

Ohio
Steve Chabot
Marcy Kapture

Oklahoma
Frank Lucas
Steve Largent

Oregon
David Wu

Pennsylvania
Tim Holden
Todd Platts

South Carolina
Floyd Spence

Tennessee
Ed Bryant
Bob Clement

Texas
Nick Lampson
Solomon P. Ortiz
Martin Frost
Lamor Smith

Utah
James Hansen

Virginia
Virgil Goode
Bob Boodlatte

Washington
Jim McDermott

Wisconsin
Paul Ryan

Blood, Sweat and Saline exhibit remains at museum

The National Museum of Health and Medicine's exhibit commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War will be on display indefinitely.



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The exhibit displays many items of interest on the Korean War.

"Blood, Sweat and Saline: Combat Medicine in the Korean Conflict" features medical breakthroughs and advancements for the military soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines. The exhibit was supposed to end in July. The success of Mobile Army Surgical Hospitals, or MASH units, the use of aeromedical evacuations and other supplies and equipment are just some of the topics covered in the exhibit.

The exhibit also looks at the challenges of frostbite, hemorrhagic fever and cultural diseases associated with the Far East.

Located on the grounds of Walter Reed Army Medical Center, the museum is a division of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. For more information call 202-782-2200.

Heroes among us

The 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee will honor all African-American Korean War veterans in a ceremony July 23 at Arlington National Cemetery.



Web site from on Page 1

"Our site is not an Army web site, but rather a web site that honors Korean War Veterans from all branches of service," said retired Maj. Gen. Nels Running, Executive Director of the Committee. "It was very important to me to make the web address reflect the joint service nature of the commemoration.

The web site is one tool that the committee uses to thank and honor roughly 1.8 million American veterans who fought in the Korean War and to

educate and inform the American public of the sacrifices those veterans made to keep South Korea free.

"Each week the site is accessed roughly 35,000 times," said Johnson. "We hope the address change will help us get the word out to even more people around the world."

For more information about the Korean War or the Commemoration, visit the web site or call toll-free (866) KOREA50.

This Date in History

June 28, 1950: Far East Air Force aircraft dropped the first psychological warfare leaflets over Korea.

June 30, 1951: Marine Capt. Edwin B. Long scored the first night air kill of the Korean War near Kimpo.

July 2, 1950: The only major naval engagement of the war occurred when the USS Juneau, the HMS Jamaica, and the HMS Black Swan intercepted four North Korean torpedo boats escorting 10 converted trawlers on the east coast. Naval gunfire sank two of the four torpedo boats and seven of the trawlers.

1951 — President Truman presents the Congressional Medal of Honor to four soldiers in Washington. Those awarded the medal are Capt. Lewis L. Miller, South Dartmouth, Mass., and Raymond Harvey, Pasadena, Calif.; Master Sgt. Stanley T. Adams, Olathe, Kan., and Cpl. Einer H. Ingram, Tomahawk, Wis. Gen. Omar Bradley, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, presents the award posthumously to families of 11 Americans.

July 3, 1951 — Assistant Defense Secretary W.J. McNeil tells the Senate Finance Committee the cost of the Korean War to the United States is from \$2-\$10 billion. He says however that without the war, the U.S. might have spent about \$8 billion of the \$10 billion charged to Korea on rearming and operations.

July 4, 1951 — Jack Benny and Errol Flynn are the big names in a troupe of Hollywood stars that arrives in Korea to visit troops.

July 6, 2001 -- President Truman approved raising the authorized strength of the Army from 630,000 to 680,000.

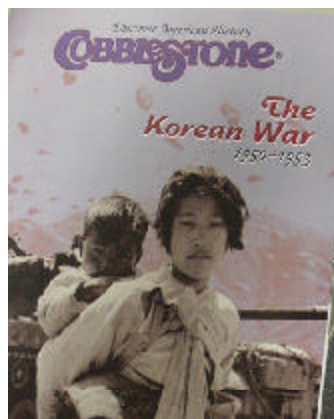
High school student produces video

They say big things come in small packages and that a picture is worth a thousand words. For the Department of Defense 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration



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Katie Ferlisi received a hat and other mementos from the Committee for her production of "The 38th Parallel."



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Committee and a ninth grade student from South Carolina, the two sayings couldn't come any closer to the truth.

Katie Ferlisi, a freshman at Southside High School in Simpsonville, S.C., won state honors for her 10-minute Korean War video titled, "The 38th Parallel: A Frontier That Was Never Meant To Be."

Tracing the history of the Korean War and documenting the economic power that South Korea is today, the 15-year-old's videotaped production earned her a chance to compete for a title at the National History Day finals held on June 11, at the campus of the University of Maryland at College Park. It also provided an open door for students to learn about the Korean War, an objective shared with the Commemoration Committee.

On June 12, Ferlisi was honored at the Committee's headquarters in Arlington, Va. She received a plaque, memorabilia and a personal tour of the Korean War Veterans Memorial on the Mall in Washington, D.C.

"When we heard Ms. Ferlisi would be in Washington entering her Korean War video in the National History Day competition, I felt that we had to thank her and show her the appreciation we felt for her hard

work," said the Committee's Executive Director, retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Nels Running. "Ms. Ferlisi's use of sound, video, and interviews in the production is extremely impressive. What makes it even more extraordinary is that she is in the ninth grade."

The theme for this year's contest was "Frontiers in History," said Ferlisi. "I wanted a challenge, and after choosing the topic of the 38th Parallel, the dividing line separating communist North and democratic South Korea, I went to work for nine months, grabbing information wherever I could. The Committee's web site was very informative and it helped me tell my story."

Ferlisi used the fact sheets found on the web site and information in the "Just for Teachers" section of the site as research tools for her project. She also contacted Tech. Sgt. Valerie Phelps, a Committee member, who mailed a picture of the 38th Parallel that Ferlisi used in her production. She returned the favor by including Phelps' name in the list of credits.

Ferlisi's video success also received attention from Congress. During her visit she met Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., the oldest member

of the U.S. Senate. Thurmond visited South Korea as Army reserve brigadier general on Feb. 22, 1956.

Ferlisi did not win first prize, but she said she was happy with her project and learning more than she ever imagined about the war.



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Ferlisi received help from the committee in finding pictures for her video production.

Partners Corner



Did you know...

- There are more than 5,500 Commemoration Partners to date.
- Every state in the union has a Commemoration Partner.
- Twenty-four of the Commemoration Partners are abroad, representing 17 countries.
- More than 1,200 products are shipped around the country and abroad each month.

As Commemoration Partners continue to grow, so do ideas

At Dover Air Force Base, Del., the 436th Equipment Maintenance Sq. sponsored an eight-mile ruck march through ice and snow this past winter in dedication to the Chosin Reservoir Campaign. The Evergreen Nursing home in Burkburnett, Texas, paid special homage to those hospitalized. The Minneapolis Veterans Home hosted a Valentines Party honoring Korean War Veterans.

If Commemoration Partners are looking for different ways to recognize fallen comrades and their families, the ideas are endless.

While Partners are constantly thinking of ways to honor their vets, parades, speeches, dinners, memorial services and award ceremonies are solid events at the core of most of the functions. Perhaps the hottest event going right now is presentation of the Republic of Korea's Korean War Service Medal.

Veterans may get information about the medal by calling 1-800-558-1404.

Partners are encouraged to contact the committee for materials to support their events.

By the numbers ...

Commemoration Partners (total)

State with largest number of Partners: California 273

State with largest number per capita: Wisconsin 256

City with most Partners: Madison, Wisc.
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Cities with the Most Commemoration Partners

22 Madison, Wisc.
20 Tucson, Ariz.
17 Houston, Texas
15 Milwaukee, Wisc.
14 Columbus, Ohio
13 San Diego, Calif.
13 Beaufort, N.C.
13 Chicago, Ill.
13 Indianapolis, Ind.
13 Arlington, Va.
12 San Antonio, Texas
12 Brooklyn, N.Y.
12 Green Bay, Wisc.
12 Philadelphia, Pa.
11 New York, N.Y.
11 Phoenix, Ariz.
11 Baltimore, Md.
10 Denver, Colo.
10 Oklahoma City, Okla.
10 Louisville, Ky.
10 Richmond, Va.
10 New Orleans, La.
10 Rochester, N.Y.
10 Nashville, Tenn.

Largest City with Commemoration Partners Per Capita

Beaufort, N.C., with a population of 42,000 people.

City/State with the largest number of veterans

New York, N.Y.

First state to become a Commemoration Partner

Oklahoma

Korean War Veterans Honored

Spc. Don Ward
1st Cavalry Division PAO
Fort Hood, Texas

The 1st Cavalry Division dedicated a Korean War Memorial Park in honor of Pfc. Melvin L. Brown, the first of seven Medal of Honor recipients from the 1st Cavalry Division during a ceremony next to the division headquarters June 15.

Veterans from across the United States came to Fort Hood to witness the unveiling of the memorial park during the 54th Annual 1st Cavalry Division Association Reunion.

"This memorial park is not just for these men. It is for all the service members who answered their country's call and went to fight in a far-off and little known place called Korea," said Maj. Gen. David McKiernan, 1st Cav. Div. commander.

Company A, 62nd Engineer Battalion, 13th Corps Support Command constructed the memorial park.

"We had to level off the ground for a good sub base, then we brought some fill in material for the surface area. Once that was complete, we laid the sidewalk and the concrete pads for the four pieces of equipment to be positioned on. It took us 28 days to construct the park," said 2nd Lt. Carlos Sepulveda, Co. A, 62nd Engineering Bn., 13th COSCOM.

"This is the beautiful result."

On the four concrete pads is an M-26 Pershing tank, M-24 Chaffee



Spc. Don Ward

The 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas, dedicated a Korean War Memorial Park on June 15. The Memorial is named after PFC Melvin Brown, the first of seven Medal of Honor recipients from the division.

tank, M-4/A3 Sherman tank, and an M-2/A1 105mm Howitzer, with the three-sided black granite memorial in the center of all of the equipment.

On one side of the 3-feet by 5-feet-6-inch monument is a brief history of the division in the Korean War from July 1950 to January 1952. On another side, the names of all of the original units in the division that fought in the Korean War, and on the third side, are the names of all seven of the 1st Cav. Div. Korean War Medal of Honor recipients.

This dedication coincided with a ceremony that followed on the division's parade field where nearly 50 division Korean War veterans were awarded the Republic of Korea's Korean War Service Medal for their service during the Korean War.

McKiernan emphasized that the government of the Republic of Korea demonstrated its desire to thank the American service members for their sacrifices during the Korean War.

"Our government decided to issue the medal to pay tribute to the Korean War veterans for their historic

endeavors to preserve the freedom of the Republic of Korea and the free world," said Seong Tae Cho, the Republic of Korea Defense Minister.

Many veterans were proud to be honored for their service during the Korean War.

Jim Sharp, an infantryman who served in the Korean War with Co. F, 8th Eng. Bn., 1st Cav. Div., was in attendance and tried to hold back tears as he reflected on his time of service in Korea.

"On April 7, 1951, I was hit by artillery in my right thigh. The men in my squad used their bayonets to cut down tree limbs. They used my shirt to make a litter to carry me to a helicopter, then to the rear unit for treatment," said Sharp. "After I recovered from the wounds, my company commander said that I had already been to hell and that I was not going back.

"To witness this ceremony honoring all Korean War veterans and the actions of these seven men makes me feel even more proud to have fought for my country," added Sharp.

Sons award fathers KW Service Medals

by Tech. Sgt. Donovan K. Potter
314th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE, Ark. (AFNS)—Friends, family members and elected officials attended a ceremony at The Airlifter Club here June 1 to honor 26 veterans of the Korean War with the Korean War Service Medal.

The ceremony was a little different from the previous medal ceremonies held here as Brig. Gen. Paul J. Fletcher, 314th Airlift Wing commander, presented three medals posthumously to the widows of fallen comrades, and three Little Rock members presented the medal to their own respective fathers.

“The people we are here to honor have done so much for our country,” Fletcher said. “We are here to say ‘thank you’ for helping to give us freedom today. We owe so much to the people who sacrificed so much for us during this war.”

Representing the four U.S. armed services, these men fought between the outbreak of the Korean War in 1950 and the time the armistice was signed in July 1953.

Col. Carl D. Evans, 463rd Airlift Group commander, said this was a time in history many Americans would like to forget, but nearly five decades later, these men are not forgotten.

“Some call this the forgotten war, and for you, this recognition is long overdue,” he said. “As we honor you and your family today, we want you to know you have not been forgotten.”

Evans awarded his father, Gene P. Evans, with the medal, and Col. Andrew Tawney, 463rd Airlift Group deputy commander for operations, awarded the medal to his father, Frederick P. Tawney. Chief Master Sgt. William N. Mikell Jr., 463rd Airlift Group superintendent, assisted with presenting the medal to his father, William N. Mikell Sr.

“I have to say this is the highlight of my 23-year career,” Carl Evans said. “To be able to present this medal to my father is definitely the highlight.”

“It’s quite unusual, especially to have this medal presented by my son,” the elder Evans said. “We finished fighting in 1953, and he wasn’t even born until 1955. It was good to be with some of the people again today who went through that time with me.”

With all six of his children here to witness the event, Fredrick said he felt a little emotional as his son pinned the medal to his suit jacket.

“There was a tear in my eye when I got the medal from my son,” he said “It was so wonderful to be honored this way. It really means a lot to me.”

Andrew Tawney said words of praise about his father after the ceremony.

“My father is an amazing person,” Andrew Tawney said. “He was stationed at Wheeler Field in 1941 during the Pearl Harbor bombing; he was in the Korean War and in Vietnam. It’s hard for me to find the words to express how I feel about the service my father and mother have given in their lifetime. This a great honor to present this great medal to him.”

Traveling exhibit remains on display at the MacArthur Center

“Under One Banner,” the exhibit showing the involvement of every nation serving under the United Nations Command, during the Korean War, is on display through September at the Douglas MacArthur Center in Norfolk, Va.

Visitors have the remainder of the summer to travel to the center and view images, equipment and other historical keepsakes during the 50th anniversary and commemoration period.

The traveling exhibit is located in the MacArthur Memorial Theater on the right side. A permanent exhibit honoring Korean War Veterans is on the left side of the theater.



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The original French Battalion Flag used in the Korean War is one of the many items displayed at the Douglas MacArthur display in Norfolk, Va.

Memorial in D.C. not the only one

The Korean War Veterans Memorial on the Mall in Washington, D.C., may be the most popular, but not the only memorial around.

Its unique design — 19 stainless steel statues of men wrapped in ponchos that symbolize each branch of the military and the harsh weather conditions they endured — makes it arguably the most celebrated and recognizable of the memorials. However, Korean War veterans don't have to trek to the nation's capital to honor their fallen comrades. Memorials all around the country and abroad remember veterans for their service and sacrifice.

The designs run the spectrum of variation — from as plain as a plaque to more extravagant structures. Members from the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Committee attended the unveiling of a Korean War Memorial at the Dorn Medical Center in Columbia, S.C. The memorial is a stone that came from the Nakdong River in the Republic of Korea. The river anchored an important part of the Pusan perimeter. Carved in the stone is the outline of the Korean Peninsula.

Other memorials have a personal touch. The Korean War Memorial in Plover, Wisc., sits on an island in the central part of the city. The Isle of Honor salutes the 132,000 Wisconsin residents who served in the military during the Korean War. Of that number, 801 died.

New Jersey, with memorials already existing in various townships throughout the state, unveiled its latest in Atlantic City in November 2000. The structure stands off the boardwalk near Bally's Hotel and features a giant soldier looking down at "dog tags" in his hand in memory of fallen comrades.

Ohio will soon add a memorial that lists the names of all servicemembers listed as Missing In Action from the war, a presumed first of its kind. Even the Punchbowl National Cemetery in Hawaii has a place for Korean War veterans. Known as a final resting place for World War II, the Memorial has unidentified remains of 800 service members who died in Korea.

But the Aloha State recently gave Korean War Veterans an identity of their own.

After failed efforts for a museum on Oahu, Hawaii found a home for the 14-acre project near Waikoloa in



Courtesy photo

The Korean War memorial in Plover, Wisc., rests on an island.

South Kohala. The concept is to build a series of 38 small buildings — each 15 feet by 20 feet — that will focus on various elements of the war. The number of buildings reflects the geographic line of latitude known as the 38th Parallel that divides North and South Korea. The first of the buildings will focus on Gen. Douglas MacArthur, another on the Battle of Inchon and the third will center on prisoners of war.

According to reports in the Honolulu Advertiser, several speakers at Tuesday's deed-signing ceremony initially skeptical of the project, now believe it may succeed because of Hawaii's proximity to South Korea.

"This may take awhile, but it will be done. Today is a dream come true," Francis Pacheco of Hilo, a vice commander of the local Korean War Veterans chapter and board member of the National Korean War Museum, said to the Advertiser on June 14.

The first use of the site is expected Aug. 30-Sept. 1 when the Big Island will be the host of the state's 50th anniversary reunion of Korean War veterans.

Abroad, Belgium, Korea and Australia also have memorials. In Canberra, Australia, the memorial features stainless steel poles and rocks from the Kapyong battlefield where Australians fought, symbolizing the harsh environment and tragedy of the war. Three figures representing the Australian armed services stand as sentinels.

More than 17,000 Australians served in the war. (*From compiled reports*)